Laments of a Turkey. ingless biped! call you giving thank o kill and reast my unoffending race and curve each joint, and play?

ry my carcass 'neath your ample vest
i each could lead an aldermanic van—
trieves my gizzard, gives my heart unrest
know that I must help to make the man!
help to make the blood and bone and mind
mortals strutting in their power and pride,
so-called statesmen and of womankind
se, strong assassins of the turkey tribe!

If I shall live, and who knows but I may, In some fair, future, happy Turkey-land, I'll pick a bone with thee—mind what I say!—Ye gluttons of the all-devouring band! My heart grows faint, my courage cozes out, The corn within my craw now turns to gail, I see the gun, I hear the glutton's shout, The range, alas! my coffin and my pail.

BEHIND THE BIG CHIMNEY.

It was Thankgiving forenoon, and can it be? Yes, it was thirty years ago! Lon Hempstead and I had visited the pantry to see the pies which had been baked the day before in the big stone

"There's mince, uple, and pump-kin!" said Lou, in a voice full of relish. "And two little turnovers!" I exelaimed, quite sure in my own mind who would eat them.

Then we came back in time to watch grandmother as she turned the turkey efore the fire. The fireplace was built of great stone, and was so deep and road that many a time I had sat in one corner of it on a little stool, watching the logs burn and crumble into coals. But this day the fire was too big and hot, and the long crane held three or four iron pots, all bubbling and steaming, ready to cook the vegetables for dinner. There was a large tin baker" before the fire, and in that lay the turkey in a pan, slowly browning, and smelling so good, we little girls

Father and mother had gone to meeting to hear the Thanksgiving sermon, and Aunt Ann was busy setting the ta-ble in the "keeping room." Lou and I stood by the fire till our cheeks grew too red and hot to bear it any longer, and then we ran off to play. There was a tall chest of drawers in the keeping-room, and in it was one little square drawer which had lost its brass handle. This had a fascination for us because it was hard to open, and because it held odds and ends. After several trials we got it open, and rummaged among the buttons and spools and things, till we came across a wooden ball, carved with a jack-knife and inside it a second ball

party done.
"Oh, how pretty!" I cried. "May I have it Aunt Ann?" She looked at the ball and shook her head.

"Put it back, Maidie," she said. "Your grand ma thinks all the world of that. Giles began it before he went to sea."

I could remember my Uncle Giles, a tall, strong boy of seventeen when he went to sea. That was more than two years before, and they had not heard from him for a year. I knew grandmother felt anxious about him, and that tears came into her eyes when he was mentioned, but I was a thoughtless child, and had not taken it to heart my-

"When he comes home he can make another," I said.

"I'd put it right back, Maidie," said Aunt Ann, as she turned away to get

out the best spoons.

But I thought I would play with it a little while first, and I kept it in my hand when we shut the drawer.

Then Lou and I went up garret to find the kittens. There they were, little heaps of fur, asleep in the dusty sunshine. We roused them up for a frolic, and made them beg and hold out their paws. Then we wanted something they paws. Then we wanted something they could roll about, and I put the little carved wooden ball down on the floor, only meaning to leave it there a minute till Lou got a spool out of her pocket.

But the kittens were so full of play, they sprang at it as quick as a flash, and rolled it along the floor towards the board partition. I ran after them, and

caught them both, but I could not find the ball.

"It's gone through that hole in the boards," said Lou, when we had searched behind boxes and barrels in vain.
"Let's go around and get it," I re-

The board partition separated the The board partition separated the east garret from the great dark space which was nearly all occupied by the chimney, built of huge rough stones, whose foundation rested on the solid earth, far below, but which, though lessening in size towards the top, was still so large there by the garret stairs that it seemed like a stone tower. On either side, between the chimney and the garret partitions, was a dark, narrow, cavernous space, where the prorow, cavernous space, where the pro-jecting stones made a foothold, and where broken chairs had been stowed away, making a sort of barricade. The darkness was almost blackness as we looked in from the top of the stairs.

"Your Aunt Ann will scold if you lose that ball," said Lou Hempstead.
"You don't know. She isn't your aunt; you're only third cousin!" I replied, on the defensive, but secretly un-

I peered into the dark opening until my eyes became used to the gloom, and I could see, past the broken chairs, two or three pieces of board pesting on the stones, and at the very farthest part al-most was something that might be the

"I see it! I'm going in after it!" I ex-

"Don't you do it! You'll get killed!"

But I pushed in by the chairs and reached the first board safely. There I stood, leaning against the chimney, till I could see better, and then I peered along on the next board. Yes, that surely was the wooden carved ball almost at the end, half under a cobweb. I took a step or two farther, and set my foot on the second board. Then I looked on and down into what seemed an abyss of blackness, but far below was a little gleam of light. For an instant I stood wondering what it could be, and then I took another step. reaching my hand to grasp the ball.

The board tilted under my foot. I feit myself slipping into the horror of darkness! I heard Lou scream, and I clutched despairingly at the rough stone beside me. In that way I steadied my-

self, and then I shut my eyes till I got confidence enough to step cautiously backward and recover my footing on the first plank. It was such a relief when I feit Lou Hempstead catch hold

of my dress behind. "I'll hold on and pull, Maidie!" she sald, in a terror-stricken voice; but by that time it was easy work the chairs back to the stair-top again. that time it was easy work to crawl past

said, ruefully, for even as I slipped, I had heard it bound off among the

"Never mind," said Lou, comforting-

"But I do mind," I replied, "for I shall have to tell grandmother, and that will make her think about Uncle Giles, and she'll cry. Anyway, though, I won't tell her till after dinner," I ad-

Lou smoothed my dress and hair, and then we went down stairs. Nobody had missed us, and Aunt Ann was just setting the chairs around the table.

"Dinner's about ready to take up, girls," she said, "and, Maidie, there's your father and mother coming now."
The chicken-pie, the biscuits and but-

ter and jelly, were already on the table, and we ran to the kitchen to see Aunt Ann take up the turkey and grandmother dish the vegetables.

"The turnips are mashed and the on-ions are seasoned." said grandmother.
"I'm just going to take up the potatoes.
For mercy's sake, Ann! what's this?" "I don't know," said Aunt Ann; "it isn't a potato!"

We pressed closer.

"Oh! oh! it's the wooden ball!" I cried. "It's the wooden ball! I lost it down behind the chimney, and it fell inin the potato-pot!" I looked up and there was a little

open space where the chimney stones above projected unevenly against the boards of the kitchen wall. And that was where the light had crept through. Grandmother said afterwards that she left the lid off the potatoes just a mo-ment while she went to the dresser to get some salt to throw in, so they would boil white. And that must have just as the ball fell.

But at the time of the discovery, all she said was, "Giles' ball! Poor boy! where is he now?" in a trembling voice.

I was sure she was going to cry, and I felt so bad I ran out past mother, who was taking her bonnet off, through the door and down to the gate. And I leaned against it and cried myself, for what with the terror and excitement and reaction of the whole thing, I was all unnerved. I did not hear a quick step that came up the road, nor see the tall roung man in blue who approached me, till I felt his hand on my shoulder, and looked up to meet his bright eyes shin-

ing down upon my tearful ones.
"Aren't you my little niece?" he nak-

ed, gaily.
"O Uncle Giles! I knew you wasn't drowned!" I exclaimed; and then he lifted me on his shoulder and took me to the house in triumph.

Then my dear, precious grandmother had no need to shed any more tears, except for pure happiness, and the day was a day of thanksgiving indeed.— Mary L. Bolles Branch, in Youth's Com-

GLEANINGS.

A boy of 9 years at Searcy, Ark., has grown a heavy beard and mustache. Music was considered by Dr. John-son to be the least objectionable of all

When a doctor can't think of anything else to prescribe he falls back on "absolute rest."

They now have boots and shoes which are self-ventilating and save ten per cent. in fuel.

During the past season, in Erath Co., Texas, three thrashing-machines thrashed 300,000 bushels of wheat.

Between July 1, and Oct. 19, 3,753 bales of hops were shipped from the Cooperstown (N. Y.) depot.

General Chamberlain and several other veterans of the 20th Maine volunteers have been selecting a suitable spot for a regimental monument at Gettys-

It is estimated that Virginia will this year make 2,000,000 bushels of peanuts, Tennessee 500,000 bushels, and North Carolina 125,000 bushels.

A business firm has adopted the Latin motto, "Frigidus dies est quum su-mus sinistrum." A very free interpre-tation makes it "It's a cold day when we get left."

It is said that there are 375 naphtha wells on the Apsheron peninsula of the CaspianSea and that they yield annually 9,600,000 cwt.

The German Government has adopted a new regulation on its lines of railway. In future the carriage will be painted of the same color as the tickets of the different classes—first, yellow; second, green; third, white.

A Montana wife recently sued for divorce on the ground that her husband made a practice of kissing the hired girl. The action was dismissed by the judge, who held that the kissing was justilable because of the wife's extreme home-

Miss Gabrielle Greeley has begun making improvements on the Greeley swamp at Chappaqua, and has given a plot of ground to the Episcopal so-ciety of that village on which to erect a chapel.

A book has just been issued in Ver-mont entitled "The Resurrection of Christ from a Lawyer's Standpoint." It is an investigation conducted according to the laws of evidence, and it ends with a full acceptance of the resurrection of Christ as a historical fact.

You will not annex us with bayonets, you will annex us with the dollar." was the prophetical observation of an intelligent Mexican gentleman to an American newspaper correspondent recently. The prophecy will be unerringly fulfilled within the next thirty or forty years.

Burlington, Vt., stands a good chance of getting a large factory for making paper from wood pulp. The concern, with a \$250,000 capital, proposes to put up buildings costing, with machinery, \$150,000, and Burlington is asked to give \$20,000 worth of help.

An Italian named Conte is said to have invented an artificial graphite of great purity. It is of the same density throughout, of a crystalline black, and

hle for electric lamps. No description is given of the process by which it is

Professor H. J. Rice, of the Michigan Military Academy, is trying to propagate oysters artificially, and hopes to make these bivalves the cheapest article of food. A single oyster deposits 8,000,000 to 20,000,000 eggs, but ordinarily only 5 per cent. of these are productive. ductive.

The McAllister gun, invented and patented by Dr. A. H. McAllister, of Union county, Mississippi, has twenty-four ritle barrels and discharges five hundred cartridges in a minute, greatly exceeding the Gatling gun in execution and reliability. The entire work of construction was done at the blacksmith shop on his plantation by Dr. McAllister and a machinist of his own neighborhood.

Says the San Francisco Post: "A young lady created considerable comment by appearing at a Los Angeles fancy ball recently in the character of a "raw oyster." Her costume was a sprinkle of red pepper, and she carried a cracker in one hand and half a time in the other. Well may the anxious mor-alist ask: "Whither are we drifting?"

"This is your brother," said a St. Louis hotel clerk to one of the guests, at the same time presenting another guest. Recognition was mutual, though thirtyfive years had elapsed since their last meeting. Moses Hilliard, of Texas, was one brother; Fred. Hilliard, of California, was the other. They had both prospered.

Victor Hugo once stopped in the streets of Paris and wrote upon a placard hanging upon a blind beggar's neck a verse of such touching beauty and sympathy that it drew from the bystanders a shower of small coin such as the beggar had never before known.

Mrs. Cupley broke her right leg in two places at Salt Lake City recently. lady's residence is some distance out of town, but she has three married daughters in Salt Lake, and she was conveyed to their homes, but no one of the ungrateful children would receive her, and she was compelled to seek shelter in the house of a stranger.

A young man of Kenton County, Kentucky, has applied for a patent for a device to telegraph a train, running at the highest rate of speed, at any point on the road. He is also at work on a safe lock, to be operated by electrisity, and which will require no key hole in the door. A burglar could by no possibility open the safe by operating on the

Mr. Oscar Wilde seems to have had more than one string to his bow when he determined to visit America; for besides his lecture, or lectures, on æsthetics, he brought with him a volume of manuscript verses by a young friend of his named Rodd—Mr. Renell Rodd. The verses are said to denote on the part of Mr. Rodd a softness of intellect as marked as the asinine idiosyncrasies of Oscar Wilde are prominent.

"If hell hath no fury like a woman scorned," what must that New York candy factory have looked when 175 of the big armed young women employed there centered their angry attentions upon the foreman! "He bossed us around too much," the leader of the Amazons explained after her cohorts had chased the foreman into the street. The foreman, by the way, forgot to return.

Publishers have their grievances as well as other people. A representative of this class told the New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Press that he found authors difficult persons to deal with. Some of them were sharp, and drove a hard bargain; others got advances on unperformed work, and then were reluctant to comply with the terms of their agreement; and finally, still others are downright dishonest and impudent, and refuse to do the work that they have bargained to perform.

Corporations that disregard the rights of the public are getting a set-back now-adays. Recently the elevated railroad in New York, which had injured a man's property without compensation, was held accountable. Now Judge Lawrence, of New York, holds that if tele graph poles in cities can be proved to have caused damages, the suit brought to recover cannot be dismissed. The effect of his decision will be that persons aggrieved may sue telegraph, telephone and electric light companies, and recover damages.

An English diamond merchant is negotiating for the purchase of the famous gem known as "The Regent," the brighest jewel in the world, and one of the French crown jewels. Some century and a half ago it was bought from an Englishman for £125.000. The price now asked for it is nearly four times that amount, and the party now bidding for it has offered, it is said, £400,000.— For whom he is bidding no one knows, but it would be well to watch Mr. Gould's shirt front for a few weeks to

Potato Fibers.

Dr. Sturtevant made an examination of the depth to which the roots of the potato run. A plant was selected which grew on a high ridge, the seed having been planted six inches deep. A trench was dug at the side to expose the soil, and the roots were washed with a tream of water turned serious it. stream of water turned against it, laystream of water turned against it, laying the fibres bare. One root was found reaching thirty-four inches below the top of the ridge, or twenty-eight below the tubers. The deeper roots appeared most fibrous. Very few roots were found above the tubers. The soil did not allow the tracing of the finest roots. This experiment seems to indicate the importance of a deep soil for the potato, an indication which repeated experiments fully corroborate, and

A Fleeting Sketch.

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Rosy lips, Soft brown hair.

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Bold young man Seeks a boon; Passing clouds Hide the moon.

Maiden fair Passive lies; No objections, No surprise.

In the hammock Young man waits; How his heart Palpitates Now she trips O'er the lawn; Sweeter maid Ne'er was born.

Only wished (Face immured), Moon might kindly Keep obscured. While the sun Shines so gay Genus homo Makes the hay.

Subtle youth Thinks of this, Steals another Rapturous kiss.

Talks of love— His, for her; Topic, too, Both prefer.

"Tempus fugit,"
Sudden shock!
Midnight sounding
From the clock. Clouds all gone,

Lucky youth!
All these charms
Now are nestled
In his arms. M on emerges As for farewell, Kiss he urges. Auxious mother Toinks of dew; From the doorway Sees tableau.

Takes advantage, Steals a kiss; Softly murmuring "This is bilss."

Youth has gone, Maiden flown; Hammock swings All alone.

Chicago Herald.

Plenty of Colonels.

At a recent meeting of the Lime Kiln Club Rev. Penstock arose in his usual graceful manner and announced that he

was in receipt of several private letters suggesting that the Club form itself into a military organization and be pre-pared to rush to the defense of its country in time of peril. The idea struck him as 16x24 and he hoped that it would

"In case of sich an organizashun have we de right man fur a Kurnel?" asked

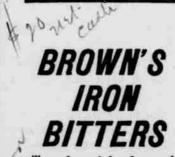
"I—I—that is—well, I specks I know sunthin' 'bout de Kurnel bizness," stammered Penstock.

"An' so do I" added thirteen other members in chorus. "Am dar any member in dis hall tonight who knows how to be a private

soldier?" asked the President. The silence for the next thirty seconds could have been knocked down by a crowbar.

"De subjeck am postponed." continued Brother Gardner. "Six or seben hundred kurnels an' no rank an' file wouldn't be 'cordin' to either Hardee or Hoyle. In kase de kentry am placed in peril we'll send substitutes."

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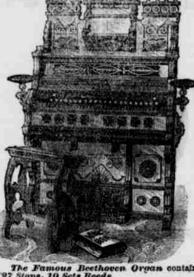
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